"राष्ट्रीय सहारा" में तरनतारन (पंजाब) के पूर्व अधीक्षक की मौत के संबंध में प्रकाशित पंजाब के पूर्व पुलिस महानिदेशक के वक्तव्य की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त वक्तव्य पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और सरकार द्वारा स्व० संधू (पूर्व पुलिस अधीक्षक, तरनतारन) के परिवार को न्याय दिलाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मो० मकबूल डार): (क) और (ख) जी हां, श्रीमान्। तथापि, श्री सन्धू की मौत से संबंधित मामले की जांच करने का काम राज्य पुलिस का है। श्री सन्धू की हत्या उग्रवादियों द्वारा किए जाने के आरोपों की जांच राज्य पुलिस द्वारा की जा रही है।

Setting up jails in Delhi

62. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of jails are being set up in Delhi in view of over-crowding in Tihar Jail;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether one of these jails will be exclusively for women; and

(d) if not, the reasons for injustice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Five new jails are presently under construction in Delhi including four in Tihar Jail Complex and one at Rohini.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Expenditure on SPG cover

63. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average expenditure being incurred on SPG cover to VVIPs and others annually;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the VVIPs who have been provided with SPG cover have requested Government for its withdrawl;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOLO DAR): (a) During the last three years the average annual expenditure incurred by SPG on providing security was Rs. 3147.947 lakhs annually.

(b) and (c) A request has been received from Shri V.P. Singh, former Prime Minister and his wife and Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, former Prime Minister for withdrawl of SPG.

(d) The requests of the former Prime Ministers are under examination. Schemes for alternative security based on detailed assessment of threat in their cases are being drawn up.

Rebel Nagas

64. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rebel Nagas met the then P.M. in Zurich (vide the Pioneer, 10.3.1997);

(b) whether it is a fact that Government sent Mr. Rajesh Pilot for secret talks with Naga rebels in Bangkok (vide the Asian Age, 19.3.1997);

(c) whether Nagaland C.M. has been transfering sophisticated arms to Naga rebels (vide the Hindustan Times, 8.5.1997); and

(d) the legality and propriety of all these dubious transactions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected

and will be laid on the table of the House.

Government support to the policeman killed by terrorist in Assam

65. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what Government give to policeman killed by terrorists in Assam and what it give to a terrorist who surrenders;

(b) whether it is a fact that the policeman gets only Rs. 25,000/-; and

(c) whether the terrorist e.g. ULFA who surrenders, gets Rs. 1,00000/-, a jeep, a job and the right to keep his arms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Use of rubber bullets and water cannons

66. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States which have accepted the principle of using rubber bullets and water cannons on occasions where it becomes necessary to disperse an agitated crowd;

(b) whether Government would consider issuing directives to the States making use of water jets and rubber bullets in lieu of more lathal devices compulsory; and

(c) whether any financial subsidy is proposed to be offered to the State Government so as to ease transitional difficulties.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) 'Police' is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. It is for the State Governments to use various means/techniques, including water cannons/rubber bullets to tackle law and order situations. According to available information, the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have procured rubber bullets. Under its Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces, the Central Government is already assisting the State Governments in modernising their policing infrastructure.

Arrest of ULFA and Bodo insurgents

67. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hardcore ULFA cadres and Bodo insurgents arrested during the last four months alongwith the weapons seized from them;

(b) the number of attacks made by militants and persons killed as a result thereof during that period;

(c) whether Government are aware that the militants have chalked out plans to levy taxes on the people much in the style of its counterpart in Nagaland despite army vigil; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) According to available reports, the number of ULFA and Bodo insurgents arrested during last four months is 139 and 10 arms were seized from them.

(b) According to available reports, during the last four months, 136 incidents